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SUBJECT: IAI MEETING, APRIL 4, 1977

1. THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE MET FOR THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS ON APRIL 4 AND TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. ELECTED OSCAR ARZE QUINTANILLA OF BOLIVIA AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE. THE VOTE, BY SECRET BALLOT, WAS 9 TO 8.

B. AGREED THAT THE NEW DIRECTOR WOULD BE INSTALLED ON SCHEDULE JULY 1. ALSO AGREED TO INVITE GONZALO RUBIO ORBE TO ATTEND THE INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN CONGRESS IN CARACAS IN THE OFFICIAL CAPACITY OF OUTGOING DIRECTOR, SO THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT HIS FINAL REPORT. VENEZUELA WILL INVITE HIM AS "SPECIAL GUEST". RUBIO WILL NOT BE RETAINED AFTER JULY 1 IN ANY KIND OF ADVISORY CAPACITY.

C. APPROVED INSCRIBING THE INSTITUTE EMPLOYEES IN THE MEXICAN SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM.

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D. APPROVED GIVING RUBIO A MONTH'S VACATION PAY WHEN HE LEAVES OFFICE SINCE HE HAS NOT TAKEN VACATIONS DURING HIS DIRECTORSHIP. ALSO APPROVED PAYING RUBIO'S EXPENSES FOR MOVING BACK TO QUITO.

2. COMMENT: RUBIO WAS VERY DISMAYED AT NOT BEING ASKED TO REMAIN IN SOME KIND OF CAPACITY AFTER JULY 1 AND

ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE TIME TO PREPARE A SIX-YEAR REPORT BEFORE THEN AND, SINCE HE WOULD NOT BE ON THE INSTITUTE PAYROLL AFTER THAT DATE, COULD NOT DO IT THEREAFTER EITHER. HE HINTED THAT HE MIGHT NOT ATTEND THE CONGRESS AND THAT HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO PREPARE THE REPORT. AFTER THE MEETING, HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO SOFTEN A BIT ON BOTH THE LATTER ISSUES AND THE US REP AND ALTERNATE REP BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT HE WILL ATTEND AND WILL PUT TOGETHER THE REQUESTED REPORT.

3. A FULLER REPORT FOLLOWS. THOMPSON.

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